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**September 14, 2021, California Gubernatorial Recall Election
Official Election Information**

This message contains important information and instructions for the September 14, 2021, California Gubernatorial Recall Election replacement candidates. The candidate must file with the Secretary of State:

Signed Income Tax Return Disclosure Consent and Acknowledgement Form

Two hard-copies (one redacted and one unredacted) of each income tax return the candidate filed with the Internal Revenue Service from the last five (5) years (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020).

Income Tax Return Filing and Consent Form Deadline

Candidates must file directly with the Secretary of State the consent form and all required income tax returns by July 16, 2021 by 5:00 p.m. PST. This means all required income tax returns must be received by the Secretary of State by the deadline using one of the two filing methods described below.

Candidates are encouraged to file their income tax returns and consent form with the Secretary of State as soon as possible.

Two Ways to File Income Tax Returns and Consent Form with the Secretary of State

You must file the above described hard-copies by July 16, 2021 by 5:00 p.m. PST.

1. In Person/Courier Service:

California Secretary of State
1500 11th Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Elections Division drop box located in 1st floor lobby

Building hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

In-person filings will NOT be accepted in the Secretary of State's Los Angeles office.

2. Express Delivery/Mail:

California Secretary of State
Elections Division
1500 11th Street, 5th Floor
Sacramento, California 95814

Note: Income tax returns and consent form sent by express delivery or mail must be received by July 16, 2021 by 5:00 p.m. PST. Secretary of State will not consider shipping or postmark dates as timely filed. Income tax returns documents must be at the Secretary of State's Office by the deadline.

How to Redact Information From Your Tax Returns

Many pdf programs allow users to redact information from a pdf file. This includes Adobe Acrobat software and other third-party software. Alternately, candidates may print out a copy of an unredacted income tax return, and manually (with a pen or marker) redact information pursuant to Elections Code section 8903.

It is the **candidate's** responsibility to only redact the information identified below. It is important to note that some of the information identified below may appear on every page of your submitted income tax returns, including on the header or footer portion of each page.

Information to Redact

The California Elections Code states that the following information **must be redacted** by the **candidate**:

- Social security numbers
- Home address
- Telephone number
- Email address
- Medical information

The California Elections Code states that the following information **may be redacted** by the **candidate**:

- Names of dependent minors
- Employer identification number
- Business address
- Preparer tax identification number, address, telephone number and email address of paid tax return preparers.

For questions please contact the Candidate Filing and Election Night Reporting Team at, (916) 653-9154.